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SECRET SENSITIVE EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY VIA CAS CHANNELS (BUNKER)
TRUE DTG 060058Z MAY 72**TO: AMBASSADOR BUNKER DELIVER IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT**
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
CITE: WHS2064

1. AS YOU KNOW DRV DELEGATION HAS ANNOUNCED FACT OF SECRET MEETING BETWEEN MYSELF AND LE DUC THO ON TUESDAY IN COMPLETE VIOLATION OF AGREEMENT REACHED AT MEETING THAT NEITHER FACT NOR CONTENT OF MEETING WOULD BE DIVULGED PUBLICLY BY EITHER SIDE.

2. YOU ARE ALSO, I AM SURE, AWARE THAT DRV, NO DOUBT WITH ASSISTANCE FROM SOME OF THEIR COMMUNIST ALLIES, HAVE BEEN FLOATING ALL SORTS OF WILD RUMORS REGARDS THE CONTENT OF THE MEETING, E.G. THAT WE OFFERED A CEASEFIRE, WITHDRAWAL AND COALITION GOVERNMENT AND THAT I WOULD RETURN TO PARIS SOON TO MEET AGAIN WITH THO.

3. WE ARE CONFIRMING FACT THAT MEETING DID TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY NOTING BREACH OF FAITH BY OTHER SIDE AND HAVE ALREADY PUT DOWN RUMORS CIRCULATED BY THE OTHER SIDE IN STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS.

4. IF YOU BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO REASSURE PRESIDENT THIEU ON THIS SCORE, YOU MAY REAFFIRM TO HIM AGAIN SUBSTANCE OF MEETING AS EARLIER REPORTED TO YOU, CATEGORICALLY REASSURING THAT THE RUMORS ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE MEETING AS CIRCULATED BY THE OTHER SIDE ARE TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION AND THAT ON THE BASIS OF MY DISCUSSIONS LAST TUESDAY NO AGREEMENT WHATSOEVER WAS REACHED TO MEET AGAIN WITH LE DUC THO.

5. WHILE THESE REASSURANCES MAY PROVE SATISFACTORY TO THIEU, WE RECOGNIZE HE IS FACED WITH PROBLEM OF REASSURING HIS POPULATION AND THE ARVN AS WELL. YOU MAY TELL HIM THAT HE IS FREE TO USE THE FOREGOING INFORMATION WITH HIS PEOPLE AT HIS DISCRETION AND AS HE BEST SEES FIT.

6. WARM REGARDS

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